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IRISH TREATY DEBATES.
PREMIER REBUTS CRITICISM.
ULSTER STILL MAKING TROUBLE.

LONDON, December 15.
The debates in the special sessions of the House of Lords and Commons called to ratify the Irish treaty adjourned yesterday evening.

Mr. Lloyd George, in a masterly oration in the House of Commons supporting the address to the Throne, rebutted criticisms. He declared that no agreement had ever received such enthusiastic worldwide welcome. He hoped that the old motto "England's danger is Ireland's opportunity" would have a new meaning—the meaning which the Dominions gave it in 1914.

CARSON'S BITTER ATTACK.
Unionist diehards and Ulsterites tabled amendments to the address in both Houses regretting the surrender of the Crown's rights in Ireland and declaring that the treaty violates the pledge to Ulster.

A feature of the debate in the House of Lords was Sir Edward Carson's bitter attack on the Government. He declared that a greater outrage on constitutional liberty had never been attempted.

ASQUITH'S SUPPORT.

LATER.
The Irish debates were resumed in both Houses. Mr. Asquith, in the House of Commons, wholeheartedly supported the treaty but solemnly warned that it would be the greatest mistake to suppose that when it was ratified they had come nearly to the end of the difficulty.

Colonel J. Gretton, who moved the Diehards' amendment mentioned earlier talked about negotiations with a murder gang.

Mr. Winston Churchill contended that Britain's interests were fully safeguarded. He said that in spite of the extremists' denunciations nineteen twentieths of both peoples were determined to carry peace through.

Mr. Bonar Law also spoke in favour of the agreement.

MR. BONAR LAW'S VIEWS.

LATER.
Mr. Bonar Law said that excepting as regards boundaries the agreement represented the alternative policy he would have presented had such become necessary. He regretted the unjust and bitter feeling against Ulster and opined that Ulster ought to consider the question of the adjustment of boundaries if the agreement did not mean the severance of any counties from Ulster.

COMMONS DEBATE ADJOURNED.

LATER.
The Commons debate was adjourned after Mr. Austen Chamberlain had stated that the house would not prorogue until the result of the Dail Eireann discussion was known.

IN THE LORDS.

LATER.
In the House of Lords, Lord Middleton leader of the Southern Unionists favoured a joint body for affairs of common interest to the North and South and said he believed it was the duty of Southern Unionists to work with the new Government as long as South Ireland remained within the empire.

Lord Northumberland moved a "diehard" amendment and the debate was adjourned.

CRAIG INTRACTABLE.

LONDON, December 15.
Sir James Craig, the Ulster Premier, on December 14, sent Mr. Lloyd George the reply of the Ulster Cabinet on the Irish agreement. The reply declares that in spite of the inducements offered to Ulster the latter is convinced that it is not in the interests of Britain or the Empire that Ulster should become subordinate to the Sinn Fein Government. It declares that in the long run the British nation will recognise that Ulster's action in remaining outside the Irish Free State is to their interests and will accord the Northern Parliament such measures of protection as will counteract the disadvantages due to her position as a frontier state of the United Kingdom.

DAIL EIREANN'S SECRET SESSIONS.

LONDON, December 15.
Dail Eireann resumed its sittings which were again secret in spite of the agreement reached yesterday. It is understood that this is the result of a private debate yesterday revealing profound differences of opinion. Private discussions may continue to-morrow. No decision will be reached until Saturday.

A LABOUR GAIN.

COALITION DEFEATED AT SOUTHWARK.

LONDON, December 15.
The Southwark by-election resulted in a Labour gain from the Coalition.

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GERMANY DEFAULTS.
MORATORIUM SOUGHT.
BRITAIN REFUSES CREDIT.

BERLIN, December 15.

The German Government has informed the committee of guarantees that it is unable to pay the reparations instalment due on December 15. Consequently it asks for a moratorium. If this is not granted it will be compelled to have recourse to credit operation.

GERMANY'S UTMOST.

PARIS, December 15.

The German note to the Reparations Commission notifying its inability to pay the reparations instalments due on January 15 and December 15 states that efforts to raise either a long-dated loan or a short-dated credit with Britain have not succeeded. The utmost Germany can raise apart from deliveries in kind and authorised credits is 200,000,000 marks. The note requests an extension of the time limit and adds that similar difficulties will arise in connection with subsequent payments. The Reparations Commission will immediately refer the note to the Allies.

NAVAL RATIO.

AGREEMENT REACHED.

WASHINGTON, December 15.

An official announcement that a naval ratio agreement has been reached may be expected immediately.

LATER.

The conclusion of the naval ratio agreement is confirmed.

CHIEF TERMS.

LONDON, December 15.

Reuter's Washington correspondent understands that the chief terms of the naval ratio agreement provide that Japan shall keep the "Matsu" and scrap the "Satsu." Fortifications in the Pacific will remain in statu quo. Hawaii is excluded from this. Britain will scrap four dreadnoughts of the "King George" class but will equalise the position by the addition of two new vessels.

The tonnage allotted to Britain and the United States under the original proposals was raised to approximately 525,000, thus permitting America to include the "Washington" and "Colorado" while Britain is enabled to build two new ships of under 40,000 tons, presumably of the "Royal Sovereign" class. Japan's ratio is proportionately increased. Mr. Hughes' original plan is otherwise unchanged but it is understood that the submarines question and the replacement of capital ships is to be discussed by the new Naval Committee of fifteen convened to meet to-day.

A FRENCH REQUEST.

WASHINGTON, December 15.

The spokesman of the French delegation states that when the conference considers the question of the French and Italian navies France will request allotment to France of 315,000 tons of capital ships and a proportionate percentage of smaller warships.

SHANTUNG CONVERSATIONS.

WASHINGTON, December 15.

It is officially announced that the Far Eastern Committee adjourned in order to give an opportunity to the sub-committee to reach an agreement at the earliest possible moment and allow for progress in the Shantung conversations.

MOPLANS DESPERATE.

REBELLION COLLAPSING.

LONDON, December 15.

The India Office, in a statement, says that the position of the Moplahs is becoming desperate and there are increasing signs that the rebellion is collapsing. The remainder of the fighting gangs have been penned in among the hills by troops. The steady stream of surrenders continues.

MARSHAL FOCH HONOURED.

GIVEN NEW YORK'S FREEDOM.

NEW YORK, December 15.

Marshal Foch and M. Viviani called for home on board the "Paris." Marshal Foch previously received the freedom of the city publicly at the City Hall where he was welcomed in an American flag.

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DEATHS.

MURRAY.—On December 7, 1921,
suddenly, at sea, W. D. Murray,
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MACFARLANE.—On December 9,
1921, at Shanghai, Milledred
Louise, wife of Robert Alistair
Macfarlane.

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HONGKONG, FRIDAY, DEC. 16, 1921.

HOW THEY DO DODGE
ISSUES.

There is nothing godlike in man if in other respects he is as contemptible as he is in his attitude towards unpleasant truths. So a thing be true, what else matters? There was from this point of view—don't let this audibly shock you!—something admirable in the intellectual honesty with which the Germans began the world war. Until the subsidiary war of the propaganda artists started, the German attitude was: "Well, suppose it is as you say? What can you do about it? We are strong enough to do what we want, and we are going to do it." To some temperaments, nobility as that sounds, it is more worthy than the attitude which says: "We are doing something we do not want to do, in order to please motives other than those of respect." The present train of thought is suggested by an extraordinary phrase in a letter telegraph. Reporting a fact, reporting the proclamation of a decree, our telegraphic news agent thought it necessary to say (by cable) "truth compels the admission that it is a complete success." What on earth has a reporter to do with admissions? What business of his?

are such considerations? His proper business is to send truthful reports of happenings, not to exaggerate or extenuate. Is not such a phrase a striking betrayal of the condition into which journalism has fallen, and falling, degraded minds generally? Is it not itself an admission, that has perhaps "inadvertently crept in," of the fact that facts are sorted for the public, and that while gratifying or presumably gratifying facts are boldly proclaimed, unpleasant facts, or facts not expected to please, are but grudgingly "admitted" because "truth compels"? What can such people know of the compulsion of truth who deal in such "admissions," which are implicit confessions of strong temptation to suppress or extenuate or minimize? The reader who thinks this over will realize that there is a slump in moral courage. He should then examine his own heart to see how far he participates in it. Does he face all facts and issues with the indifference to results that truth compels—in the true spirit of science—or is he inclined to admit only grudgingly, and in a belittling manner, facts that somehow tell against him, or threaten to tell against him? A recent local controversy may be mentioned very appropriately in this connection. It is not quite fair to anticipate our contributor "Adversarius," part of whose copy for Saturday's issue is already to hand; but we may mention that he sets a good example in the matter of facing facts about the Peak Reservation arguments. Some people will say they tell against his well-known views. To notice how local men meet this controversial bombshell is an arresting experience. The proposition was that such a Reservation is not consistent with Fellowship. One reply was simply: "Hush! Such a note is discordant and disastrous." Disadventurous to what? Not, you will observe, to the truth, but to the community. Quite irrelevant that the truth is in pointing out the in-

consistency of Fellowship and the Peak Reservation, quite clearly implied that since Fellowship is right, the Peak Reservation must be wrong. That Fellowship is right was the question he "begged." His opponents knew, as we also know, that the Peak Reservation isn't wrong, but as that would imply something wrong about Fellowship, which they were not prepared to admit, they began with one consent to advance wrong reasons in support of the Reservation. It is inconsistent with Fellowship, and it is not it, but wholesale Fellowship, which cannot be supported. We will leave "Adversarius" to explain this shocking fact on Saturday, also the real and honest to goodness reason for the Peak Reservation. Meanwhile, we may call attention to some minor local examples of wrong-headedness in argument, where issues are not so much dodged as ignored. Someone wrote a letter to the papers urging more support for the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals. It wasn't a good letter. It rambled, and betrayed more humane sentiment than literary sense. It contained one pas ago of bathos. Next day someone had a letter in the *Daily Press*, joring at the first, and certainly making it out to be more ludicrous than it was. This one was mainly facetious, with a suspicion of callous disregard for the feelings of the first; in short, a barbed jest amounting to a sneer. Next (we are trusting to our memory) came an indignant letter, a letter of passionate reproach, defending the first correspondent (but ignoring the weakness that required defence) and suggesting that the second, the jeerer, deserved to be boiled. This clearly because the factions one had asked, quizzingly, if the first animal lover loved them better roast or boiled. A subsequent correspondent introduced the point that women wear fur and feathers, and asked an earlier correspondent, if she happened to be a woman, if she was prepared to discard these ornaments that involve animal slaughter. All this, you will observe, based on the original proposition that the local S.P.C.A. needs and deserves more support—a proposition which, simply put, and adhered to by the correspondents, could not have produced such an apparently acrimonious correspondence. This brings us to Thursday's *Daily Press*, which published no less than three contributions to this characteristic wrangle. We will label them in their order A, B, and C, for convenience. A, tackles that correspondent who introduced the feminine fault in this connection. Would he persuade his own wife to stop wearing fur or feather? He seems to think that a knockout, and even invites the Editor to apply the closure. It is a pointless question, involving no "sequitur" whatever. A man who may have no sympathy with S.P.C.A. objects at all, whose wife wears many furs and feathers, and who has no intention of interfering with her freedom in the matter, may quite properly and fairly and logically point out that in his opinion the slaughter of animals for mere personal adornment should be the first point of attack by members of such a society. Assuming that vegetarian views are suspected in the first correspondent, a carnivorous reader could fairly ask the vegetarian if his wife wore fur and feather. It would be the mote and beam argument. This point having been introduced, is certainly not disposed of by B, who hopes that the Society may "eventually extend its activities to the ostrich farms of South Africa and the seal fisheries of Newfoundland." "But," he says, "let's make a start a bit nearer home." That is a double-barrelled instance of the thing we are discussing. The reference to the harmless business of ostrich farms, which we suppose to involve no cruelty worth bothering about, is a "red herring" to distract attention from the iniquitous ways in which ospreys and egrets and eider-duck and some marine birds are tortured to indulge female fashions in adornment. It also ignores the scandalous extermination of the beautiful Birds of Paradise. It's a most serious demerit, however, as an argument, is the question-begging device, that sounds superficially so very wise and practical, to make a start nearer home. Assume that it is desirable to start an opposition to those businesses of South Africa and Newfoundland, the best place to begin is right here in Hongkong, among the customers who support them. It is only fair to B. to mention that he does manage to get back to the original point in one paragraph, and supports the original proposition that the S.P.C.A. requires more funds. If he had let that paragraph be his entire letter, he would have shone as a correspondent, whereas in argument he cuts a poor figure. C. is the original correspondent, the one whose unnecessary verbiage and lapse into bathos tickled the original humorist (a poor type, he is) and started the whole thing. He (or she) is still intolerably wordy, and his (or her) efforts at sarcasm are ponderous and crumbly.

Finally, let us spare some logical effort in our own columns. The appeal of the Governor for a wider view should need no endorsement.

complaint of wordiness just above. "What cheek," we can imagine their impulse to say, "of the writer of such a long article to complain of a comparatively short letter as intolerably wordy." We point out in anticipation that our point lay in the word "intolerably." We have been wordy, but we have reasons to hope that ours has been tolerable. There is no particular reason, except the particular weakness of mankind we have been examining, why it should not be instructive.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

All firms, clubs, etc., who have not yet returned particulars for inclusion in the Dollar Directory are requested to do so immediately to No. 5, Wyndham Street. Particulars of new firms etc., will be gladly received for inclusion in the Directory.

British Columbia Legislature has voted for the complete exclusion of Asiatics.

Bertrand Russell is lecturing in London, under the auspices of the I.L.P., on Far Eastern politics.

Sir Charles Addis is coming out East on the P. & O. "Kashmir," accompanied by Lady and Miss Betty Addis.

Graduates of Scottish Universities here are being canvassed with the idea of instituting an annual dinner and smoker.

Toys for Xmas gifts and a large quantity of wines and liquors will be sold by Messrs. Hughes and Hough to-morrow afternoon.

The last Indo-China steamer to call at Tientsin before the closing of the river will be the "Yusang," which leaves Shanghai on the 20th instant.

Sir Reginald Gamble, Comptroller and Auditor General for India since 1914, is a through passenger on the s.s. "Dongola," which arrived yesterday from Colombo, to Yokohama.

Mr. P. A. Anthony, the general manager of the F. M. S. Railways, leaves for home on long leave at the end of January. Mr. P. H. Henshaw will act as general manager in his absence.

The China Navigation Company's new steamer "Kiangchow" has arrived here from Home. She is a duplicate of the "Kalgan" which was the first of the new fleet of four turbine-powered vessels.

Relief crews for four sloops on this Station are due here on Dec. 22. The "Cyclops" will bring out a new crew for the "Cairo," and half crew for the "Tamar." The "Tamar" chaps are drawn from Devonport.

Invitations are out for the Diocesan Christmas Party in the City Hall on Dec. 16. Also for the Ellis Kadoorie Indian School (Sookumpoo) prize distribution on Dec. 28. Mrs. Severn will distribute them.

Amongst other appointments just made, Surgeon-Lieutenant C. N. Carter has been posted to the "Magnolia," Surgeon-Lieutenant A. H. Harkins to the "Foxglove," Surgeon-Lieutenant A. B. Grant to the "Hollyhook," and Surgeon-Lieutenant N. H. Davidson to the "Bluebell."

The four sloops on the China Station will get four new ships on commissioning. The "Foxglove's" commanding officer, Captain G. H. Brady, will be succeeded by Commander G. B. Palmer, D.S.O.; Commander B. C. Watson, D.S.O., will relieve Commander Hector Boyes, C.M.G., of the "Hollyhook"; Commander B. R. Brooke, D.S.O., of the "Magnolia"; Eyre, D.S.O., and Commander H. N. Hardy, D.S.O., will relieve Commander E. A. B. Stanley, D.S.O., of the "Bluebell."

We would offer a word in season on the matter of Hongkong's budget for 1922, as introduced into the Legislative Council by the Governor, Sir R. E. Stubbs, says the *L. and O. Express* of Nov. 3. Revenue was estimated at £17,374,260 and the expenditure at £20,207,690. This excess of, roughly, three millions is on the face of it, a little disquieting; but a survey of the past and present municipal history of the Colony should do much to allay any misgivings. Beneficial schemes in the direction of municipal enterprise and public building have been, and are being, promulgated, and the good results are merely a matter of time. Perhaps, from a financial point of view, the decrease in option revenue is unfortunate; but whilst we are urging China to a policy of not producing the drug we must back the effort in our own Colony. The appeal of the Governor for a wider view should need no endorsement.

SPECIAL CABLE.

[China Mail Special.]

STRAITS 10-11.

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SINGAPORE, Dec. 15.
The Straits \$20,000,000 loan has been oversubscribed.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

The forthcoming marriage is announced of Comdr. G. B. Hartford, D.S.O., R.N., and Mrs. Charles H. Ross.

Following the resignation by Mr. J. L. Gardiner, Mr. W. Van Buskirk has been appointed United States Deputy Marshal for China. Mr. N.E. Linton, the U.S. Marshal, is at present in Tientsin, where he will remain a few days.

Captain H. O. Reinold has been appointed to the light cruiser "Durban," under orders for her maiden commission in the East, and he will subsequently assume command of the light cruiser "Caroline," East Indies Station.

Close on 1,000 toys, the unsold surplus remaining over from the St. Vincent de Paul Society's bazaar will be sold for the benefit of the society's funds on the Hongkong Volunteer Parade Ground to-morrow between 2.30 p.m. and 10.30 p.m.

The new Ellerman liner "City of Paris" will be put in commission shortly. She represents the first delivery of three similar steamers, all designed for the lines to India and the Far East, the others being the "City of Simla" and "City of Nagpur."

Among the local residents who returned from home by the P. & O. s.s. "Dongola" yesterday were the Rev. Mr. A. D. Stewart, Mr. J. B. Chapman of Taikoo Docks, Mrs. Chapman and child, Rev. Mr. R. H. Goldsworthy, Mrs. J. S. Sorby and children, Miss Gordon, Mrs. G. Duncan and Mrs. Robson.

The Chinese who, as reported a few days ago was found in Waterloo Road, Yaumati, with twenty-three stab wounds on his body, head, face, arms and legs, alleged by him to have been inflicted by three or four unknown men who attacked him while he was on his way home from work, died at the Kwong Wah Hospital last night.

Some well-known naval captains have been appointed for the new Senior Officers' War Course at the Royal Naval College, Greenwich. Among them are Captain J. D. Allen, C.B., who commanded the "Kent" in the Falklands victory and in the subsequent engagement off Juan Fernandez, when the "Dresden" was sunk. He was relieved last April in command of the signal schoolship "Antrim," at Portsmouth.

The weekly cabaret dances at the Kowloon Theatre have, it would seem, come to stay. Last night provided a repetition of the success achieved by the opening fixture last week. The limited issue of tickets was soon exhausted and several who sought admission had to be turned away. Patrons who were disappointed last night, however, will be interested to learn that a special evening dress dance is to be given next Tuesday. Those who intend to be present are advised to secure tickets at Moutrie's as soon as possible. The price will be two dollars, including light refreshments.

SIX STOWAWAYS FROM BORNEO.

Inspector Spear charged six Chinese before Magistrate Wood this morning with having stowed away from Borneo by the s.s. "Tjiliboet."

Defendants all pleaded guilty.

The Inspector said that before the vessel left Borneo, she was searched and twenty stowaways found and turned off the ship. On the following day, the defendants were found hiding in the latrines.

Replying to the Magistrate, the Chief Officer of the ship said that the fare was 38 guilders for each man.

Magistrate: Did you make them work on board, and were they any good?—Not much.

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NOTES AND COMMENTS.

TO-MORROW'S LEAGUE GAMES.

1st. DIVISION.

R.G.A. v. South China, Sookumpoo Ground.
Club v. "Titania," Club Ground.
Police v. "Cairo," Navy B Ground.
"Ambrose" v. Kowloon, Navy A Ground.

Kick off at 4 p.m. sharp.

2nd. DIVISION.

Kowloon v. South China, "B," Kowloon Ground.
University v. St. Joseph, Navy A Ground.
Punjabis v. Club Res, Punjabis Ground.

South China "A" v. Wilts Res, South China Ground.
Kick off at 2.30 p.m. sharp.

The R.G.A.-Chinese match should be a fast game. The former are coming back to form and should prove worthy opponents. I think a draw a likely result.

The Club are playing the "Titania." This match should have been played on Nov. 5. The Ship was not in port and the Club's match with "Cairo" was brought forward. Gerrard will not be playing for the Club. "Titania" are putting out the same side that drew with the Chinese on the 3rd. The Club should win.

As the Police and "Cairo" would both be standing down this week, their return match down for January 28 is brought forward. The Police, I understand, will be at full strength. Their forward line is being rearranged. Mair going to outside left and Robertson to inside. A draw is a likely result.

The "Ambrose" meet the Kowloon team on Navy A, and I should not be surprised if Kowloon gathered two more points.

The "Curlew" not being in port, the Tamar are without a game this week.

In the Second Division, Kowloon Res. meet the Chinese "B" team. The former have already drawn with the letter's "A" team and as they will be strengthened by the inclusion of Mason and Pascoe, I think they should win.

The University went down last week but their opponents to-morrow are not very strong. The University should win.

Punjabis should beat the Club Res., and the Chinese "A" team should draw with the Wilts Res.

—OFFSIDE.

RUGBY.

THE SEASON'S FIXTURES.

FIRST GAME ON SATURDAY.

The following have been chosen to represent the Rugby XV of the Hongkong Football Club against the "Cairo" on Saturday:—R. M. Henderson; F. A. Davidson, A. M. D. Wallace, J. D. McClatchie and G. Lancaster; V. G. Smyth, and N. J. Smyth; C. J. Cooper, D. Logan H. Day, A. G. Lamplugh, H. A. Mabey, J. W. Brown, W. Andrews and H. O. Macnamara.

The game is to be played on the Club ground at Happy Valley and starts at 2.30 p.m. sharp.

An interesting game England v. the Rest has been arranged for Christmas Eve. The players will be picked from the combined Navy, Army and Club teams. A very interesting game is assured.

The Cup competition starts on December 21, when the Navy and Army teams are scheduled to meet. The other games have been arranged as follows:—

January 7.—Navy v. Club.
January 14.—Army v. Club.
January 21.—Club v. Navy.
January 28.—Club v. Army.
February 4.—Army v. Navy.

Some interesting games should be witnessed during the competition. On form, the Navy ought to run out winners, but the Club can be relied upon to give them a good run for their money. The Army are in a very unfortunate position in the matter of available players; many of last season's men have apparently lost interest in the game, and have not turned out for practice games this season. Their only hope of pulling through the season depends on what players there are in the new regiment which is on the way out to relieve the Wiltsires.

The Shanghai Rugby Club are making preparations to meet the Hongkong XV either later in February or early in March.

Provided the Hongkong are prepared to "relax" sufficient men for this trip, a good team is assured. No doubt they will do so in accordance with that sporting spirit which is so widely found in the Far East.

CORRESPONDENCE.

THE TAIL OF THE CHOW DOG.

[To the Editor of the "China Mail."]

Sir.—In the official account of Lord Macartney's first Embassy to China, the Chinese dog is described as follows:—"It is a small species with a long recurved tail, of which caprice or fashion does not deprive him; and which is generally leaning to the left as Linnaeus remarks of the domestic dog." (Italics mine).

Some of your readers who are authorities on dogs might be able to tell us if left-tailedness in the Chow dog might be used as a test of purity of breed. The local chow dogs seem to be about evenly divided between those which have their tails to the right and those which have them to the left.

If breeders could discover whether this characteristic (i.e. direction of the twist of tail) followed any rule, (say) was constant if both parents were left-tailed, or followed Mendelian principles, might it not be used to judge the breed of chows?

Of course such a characteristic has no survival value, but how few of the "points" of a chow—her ears, her dark tongue, the set of her hind limbs—seem to be vital!

I have not had facilities to trace the reference to Linnaeus. Darwin, beyond the general statement that "the tail of no wild animal is curled," has little to say on the tails of dogs. Mr. Collier in his new book on the Dogs of China and Japan does not seem to refer to their tails though he figures left-tailed and right-tailed dogs.

Yours,

A. H. C.

MAGISTRATE TO SEE COAL BOAT.

WHAT IS A SECRET COMPARTMENT?

The mistress of a cargo boat and three boatmen were charged before Magistrate Wood this morning with the unlawful possession of 6½ tons of coal, knowing or having reason to know that it was stolen property.

The defendants were arrested as the result of a complaint made by Captain R. S. Heaney of the s.s. "Phranang" which was coaling in the harbour yesterday.

The woman was further charged with having a secret compartment in her vessel.

Inspector Spear, prosecuting, said that the regulation under which the second charge was brought read "no vessel of this type (cargo boat) shall have false bottoms or secret compartments."

Proceeding, he said that the defendants had been engaged in coaling work. When he searched the vessel in the evening, he discovered a false bottom which was large enough for a man to stand up and move about in. The coal was concealed in this secret compartment.

Mr. W. B. Hind, for the defendants, said that his defence would be that the coal found in the boat was "sweepings." However, he was not prepared to go on with the case that morning, and asked for a short remand. He also suggested that in view of the nature of the case, the Magistrate should inspect the vessel.

This was arranged for Tuesday morning.

A remand for a week was given. First defendant was allowed bail in the sum of \$400 and the others \$200 each.

SHOULD HAVE KNOWN.

THERE WAS PLENTY OF TALK.

Sergeant Elston charged a Chinese shopkeeper before Magistrate Lindsell this morning, with the possession in his shop, No. 251, Hollywood Road, for purpose of sale, 70 boxes of sand crackers.

Defendant said that he did not know that it was unlawful to sell the crackers.

The Magistrate after referring to the regulation passed in July under section 16 of the "Explosives Ordinance," said that as far as he could see, there was no provision made in the ordinance for penalty for breach of the regulation. He adjourned the case until to-morrow to consider the matter.

Another shopkeeper who was charged with the possession of a larger quantity of the same kind of crackers, was also remanded until to-morrow.

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THE 1921 CENSUS.

FINAL REPORT TABLED.

INTERESTING OBSERVATIONS.

Some interesting information is contained in the report on the census recently taken in the Colony, which was laid before the Legislative Council at yesterday afternoon's meeting. Prepared by the Census Officer, Mr. J. D. Lloyd, the document runs to 82 foolscap pages, three-fourths of which is taken up by statistical summaries and comparative tables.

The Colony's total population was found to be 625,166. This is an increase of 168,427 on the figures for 1911. Mr. Lloyd thinks that our normal population is in the neighbourhood of 600,000 but says there was never any reason to believe that it reached 1,000,000.

NON-CHINESE POPULATION.

The number of non-Chinese, excluding the Mercantile Marine, were found to have increased from 11,225 to 12,856. In 1911 the non-Chinese were classified by race, while the corresponding classification in the present Census is by nationality. A comparison is, therefore, somewhat difficult. Japanese, the Report states, have increased from 958 to 1,585; citizens of the United States of America from 295 to 470; Portuguese (including British subjects) from 2,558 to 2,609; British nationals born in India from 1,414 to 1,474; British nationals born in Europe, America and Australia from 2,230 to 3,110.

The Census Officer estimates the population of pure European descent to be rather over 5,000, of Indian or mixed Indian descent at 2,000. The remainder include Eurasians, Filipinos, and natives of British, Dutch and French Colonies.

FIGURES ABOUT FOREIGNERS.

One of the tables attached to the Report supplies the following statistics:

	Males	Females	Total
British	4,700	3,183	7,883
Belgian	—	3	3
Danish	20	10	30
Dutch	68	36	104
French	108	100	208
German	—	3	3
Greek	3	—	3
Hungarian	—	1	1
Italian	17	39	56
Latvian	3	1	4
Norwegian	16	7	23
Portuguese	588	1,159	2,057
Polish	5	1	6
Roumanian	—	1	1
Russian	20	16	36
Swedish	3	2	5
Spanish	30	29	59
Swiss	20	3	23

	Males	Females	Total
Arabian	1	—	1
Japanese	915	670	1,585
Persian	1	—	1
Filipino	120	112	232
Siamese	2	—	2
Turkish	5	5	10

	Males	Females	Total
Argentine	1	—	1
Brazilian	6	2	8
Cuban	2	2	4
Chilian	4	4	8
Mexican	1	3	4
Panamanian	1	—	1
Peruvian	12	37	49

Regarding Hongkong's British population Mr. Lloyd states:—

THE BRITISH.
Europeans.—Estimate the number of British nationals of European race at 4,300. On referring to the age table it will be noticed that after age 7 the number of children declines, the reason being all who can afford it send their children home for education at that age; these rarely return, since before their education is complete the parents have generally left the Colony. The average attendance of children during 1920 at British schools was 163. I estimate that the total number of British children of European race of all ages to be about 500.

Most males reach the Colony between the ages of 21 and 25 and few remain after 55. In the case of females it is common for the mothers to leave the Colony often for good when their children reach school age in order to be with them during their education in England; hence at age 40 the number of married women rapidly declines.

Owing to various reasons a comparison of the Health rate with that for a normal population settled in Europe is rather fallacious. However, the death rate for 1920 for British Nationals of European race works out at 12 per thousand, an extremely low rate compared with some other colonies, and well demonstrates the success of modern science in a Colony which 50 years ago was regarded as a veritable death trap for Europeans. The birth rate works out at 22 per thousand, an exceptionally high rate for Hongkong, due to the unusually large number of young married women at present resident in the Colony.

NEW SHIPS.

FOR CHINA SQUADRON.

The China Squadron is being steadily strengthened (observes *The Navy*). Early in the New Year the new light cruiser "Despatch" will start her maiden commission by relieving out there the little gun boat "Carlow." The sistership "Durban" leaves England to relieve the "Colombo" on the same station.

The "Despatch" was laid down at Govan by the Fairfield Shipbuilding and Engineering Company during the war, but after the Armistice was transferred to Chatham to be completed. There was a curious hitch at her launching. She remained fast on the stocks, and even the efforts of two tugs to pull her off failed. It was a fortnight later that she was put afloat. Such incidents are rare in the history of modern fighting-ship launches. There was a queer experience, also on the Clyde, in 1892, when the old "Ramilles" was launched. She began to move down the ways at 1.50 p.m., and continued to slide gradually, but perceptibly, for ninety minutes before she took the water—just in time, for the tide was falling rapidly.

FOUND DEAD.

PROBLEM FOR POLICE.

Found in a stream near No. 8 Railway Bridge at Kaulungchai yesterday, the body of a Chinese, aged about 55 years, was removed to the Kowloon mortuary. The body which was still fresh, bore a wound on the left cheek and an abrasion on the chin. The man had either met his death by accidentally falling into the stream in the dark on the previous night, or he was murdered. His injuries could have been caused either way. A post mortem examination is being held. Should the murder theory be favoured, then the police will have to discover a cause other than robbery, as when the man's clothing was searched, \$10, some papers and a bunch of keys was found not to have been tampered with.

ARMED ROBBERY.

A Chinese living at No. 6, Howe Street, Kowloon City, reports that about 7.30 last night he was on his way home from Yau-mat Road when Kowloon City-Yau-mat Road when near the Kung-yam Temple at Tai-shakko, he was accosted by four men who made their appearance from the bushes on the side of the road. Two of the men, armed with a revolver and a dagger, respectively, threatened him while the others searched his person and stole \$5 in 10-cent pieces. The outlaws then dashed back to the bushes and disappeared.

MOVEMENTS OF STEAMERS.

The Dodwell-Castle Line s.s. "Kendal Castle" which sailed from Hongkong via Suez for Boston and New York on October 2, arrived at Boston on Dec. 11. The s.s. "Nile" will sail for Singapore and Batavia on Saturday, Dec. 17 at noon instead of at 3 p.m. as previously advised.

The s.s. "Euryalus" (Blue Funnel Line) left Manila on Dec. 16 for Hongkong and is due here on Dec. 18.

The N.Y.K. s.s. "Rashima Maru" (American Line) left Kobe for Hongkong via Nagasaki, Shanghai and Manila on Dec. 6 and is expected here on Dec. 12.

The E. & A. s.s. "Arafura" left Sydney on Nov. 20 and is expected to arrive at Hongkong about Dec. 19.

THE TOTAL POPULATION.

The population by sections is set out as follows:—

	Males	Females	Total
Island of Hongkong	221,085	126,316	347,401
Kowloon	74,698	48,750	123,448
Peninsula	32,445	33,669	66,114
New Territories	9,322	7,727	17,049
Islands	45,307	25,847	71,154
Total	392,857	242,309	635,166

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Administrative Commandant.

1. Parades.

INFANTRY DRILL will take place on Monday, 19th December, at Volunteer Headquarters and Kowloon Docks, on Friday, 23rd December, at 5.30 p.m. for TRAINED MEN and RECRUITS.

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Hongkong, Friday, December 16, 1921.

TO SECRETARIES OF CLUBS AND OTHER INSTITUTIONS.

ALL preliminary notices of forthcoming meetings, lectures and entertainments, sent for insertion in the news columns of the *China Mail*, are charged for at the rate of \$1 each, (as announced in May and June of last year) providing that they do not occupy more than four lines. In future if this space is exceeded they will be placed in the advertising columns at the prevailing rates.

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"KASHGAR"	5,300	18th Feb.	do.
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NAGASAKI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA.

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LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

YESTERDAY'S FINANCE MINUTES.

At the close of yesterday's meeting of the Legislative Council the Finance Committee met under the chairmanship of the Colonial Secretary to consider the following financial recommendations by H. E. the Governor:

MOTOR AMBULANCES.
\$4,989 in aid of the Police, Special Expenditure, Motor Ambulance.

The Chairman: This refers to the second motor ambulance. One motor ambulance was bought out of the money handed over by the Red Cross at home; another ambulance was to be purchased by the Colony and a sum of \$7,000 was provided in this year's estimates. The cost of this ambulance has been, in sterling, \$1,569—taking the total of one bill with the Crown Agents of £1,370 and another of £199. The total in dollars is \$1,938.17. The estimate was \$7,000 and owing to the fall in exchange the amount in dollars has been greater by the amount asked for in the minute—\$4,989. The cost of the ambulance was not known exactly; when the estimate was made it was thought \$7,000 would be enough. The vote was approved.

ROAD IMPROVEMENTS AND LIGHTING.

\$10,900 in aid of the following votes:

Public Works, Recurrent—

Hongkong Communications—

(6) Maintenance of Roads

and Bridges outside city \$8,000.00

(7) Improvements to Roads

and Bridges outside

city 1,500.00

Lighting—

(10) Gas Lighting, City and

Suburbs and Hill District

1,200.00

(11) Electric Lighting, City,

Hill District and Shau-

kiwan 200.00

Total \$10,900.00

The Chairman: The excess on the maintenance of roads and bridges outside the City is due to the heavy cost of maintaining the section of Pokfulam Road between No. 10 bridge and Aberdeen—that is, on the other side of the Dairy Farm—also in Victoria Road. It is a new piece of road and the surfacing was not of the permanent nature of other parts of the road. Among other things there was some heavy traffic caused by a new bus service and heavy vehicles travelling between Repulse Bay and Hongkong. That would not have injured the road had it been of a permanent nature. A considerable sum was spent in repairing both the portion of Pokfulam Road and parts of Victoria Road. That accounts for \$8,000.

No. 2 is required to meet the cost of building walls at certain dangerous points on the road between Stanley and Saiwan Gap, especially between Tytan Reservoir and Tytan Gap where the road was quite unprotected and there is a high bank. The work is now under construction. It will not be possible to complete the whole of the walls and other means of protection this year, but of the amount asked for \$300 is for the current year.

The third item represents the cost of lighting additional gas lamps erected during the year. New districts have developed and additional lights have been provided. The same applies in the case of electric light.

The Hon. Mr. Bird: What portion of the Hill District, Sir, are they going to light by electricity, with that item of \$200? Is it the Hill District and Shaukiwan for the \$200?

The Chairman: I think the Hill District is the subject of an article in the Morning Post by its naval correspondent, who says that Singapore, being an oil-fuel depot, is particularly suitable as a centre for vessels engaged in manœuvres or joint training, but it can be authoritatively stated that no decision has been taken for its development into a first-class naval base, although the strategic situation of Singapore is obvious to anyone who studies a map of those parts.

The Director of Public Works: The piles are deep enough to take all the dredging that will be done.

The Chairman: It is a very good pier. The vote was approved.

The statement recently made that Singapore is to be made into a naval base is the subject of an article in the Morning Post by its naval correspondent, who says that Singapore, being an oil-fuel depot, is particularly suitable as a centre for vessels engaged in manœuvres or joint training, but it can be authoritatively stated that no decision has been taken for its development into a first-class naval base, although the strategic situation of Singapore is obvious to anyone who studies a map of those parts.

The Director of Public Works: It is included in the same vote at the City District.

The vote was approved.

TAIPO ROAD AND CHEUNG CHAU PIER.

\$26,800 in aid of the following votes:

Public Works, Extraordinary—

New Territories, Communications—

(77) Roads: (a) Tai-po

Road—Widening

and improving road

between 3rd and 5th

milestones \$20,700.00

Miscellaneous—

(82) Pair at Cheung Chau 6,100.00

Total \$26,800.00

The Chairman: I will ask the Director of Public Works to be good enough to explain these votes to the Committee.

The Director of Public Works: The first item is for widening and improving the Tai-po Road between the 3rd and 5th milestones. The vote for the year was \$15,000. There was a sum of \$5,711 in the previous year's estimates which it was not possible to expend that year. Then it was found that this work did not cover the whole road up to the Waterworks and a certain amount was authorised later on. The work is nearly completed to that point. It was found that an abnormal amount of rock, all the way, brought the cost out of all proportion to what one usually expects. There has generally been very soft filling. Of the supplementary vote of \$20,700, nearly \$8,000 has been voted already and \$9,000 has been authorised, so the actual excess is only \$3,700.

The Chairman: Over \$6,000 was voted in 1920.

The Director of Public Works: As regards the pier at Cheung Chau, the estimated expenditure before was \$15,000, but certain extra work increased this by \$2,500. The whole pier was very shallow and we had to dredge a channel up to it. I am afraid we shall have to continually dredge there. All this brought up the total cost to \$21,000; the vote was \$15,000 and there is an excess of \$6,000.

The Hon. Mr. Lang: What kind of a pier is it?

The Director of Public Works: A reinforced concrete pier. The approach is very shallow.

The Hon. Mr. Lang: What is the depth?

The Chairman: Six or seven feet at low water. A big launch can hardly get in at low water.

The Hon. Mr. Lang: Is this for lengthening the present pier?

The Director of Public Works: No, for dredging up to it.

The Hon. Mr. Lang: How is the dredging done?

The Director of Public Works: We could not get our own dredger there so we had Chinese dredging.

The Hon. Mr. Lang: Hand appliances?

The Director of Public Works: The usual Chinese scoops. We cannot

spare our dredger and it is not easy to get it there.

The Hon. Mr. Lang: Would any extension of the pier make any difference?

The Director of Public Works: No, the pier is such a long distance out.

The Hon. Mr. Bird: How will this dredging affect the stability of the pier?

The Director of Public Works: The piles are deep enough to take all the dredging that will be done.

The Chairman: It is a very good pier. The vote was approved.

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SPORT.

CRICKET.

VARSITY v. ST. JOSEPH'S.

A very close match was played on the I.R.C. ground on Wednesday between the University 3rd XI and St. Joseph College team. The University won by seven runs. At one period of the game, St. Joseph's, batting last, had eleven runs to win with four wickets in hand, but their tail only managed to put up another four runs and the University won after a very exciting finish. St. Joseph's were short of one man and had to put in a substitute, otherwise a still more exciting game would have been witnessed.

UNIVERSITY.

T. O. Yau, b. H. Rumjahn 7
Young-Saye, c. Barros, b. Rumjahn 23
E. K. Ong, l.b.w., b. Rumjahn 23
B. M. Talati, c. Barros, b. Rumjahn 15
P. Choo, c. G. Lai, b. Ackbar 13
M. A. Kyum, b. Rumjahn 6
V. F. Vicesjee, c. a. b. Rumjahn 11
A. T. M. Barma, l.b.w., b. Hassan 2
K. S. Chew, run out 0
M. A. Khan, c. Barros, b. Rumjahn 0
R. Lee, not out 4
Extras 4

Total.....105

Fall of wickets, 1-16, 2-51, 3-62, 4-83, 5-85, 6-100, 7-102, 8-103, 9-105, 10-105.

Bowling Analysis.

H. Rumjahn 17 3 31 7
I. Hassan 9 1 25 1
A. Kitchell 2 0 16 0
S. Ackbar 5 0 19 1

ST. JOSEPH'S.

Cassambhoy (Sen.), b. Yau 11
Ackbar, c. Young-Saye, b. Yau 1
I. Hassan, c. Kyum, b. Yau 6
H. Rumjahn, b. Yau 20
A. Kitchell, b. Yau 15
Jehimatu, b. Yau 21
Barros, c. Talati, b. Young-Saye 21
G. Lai, c. P. Choo, b. Yau 4
J. N. Silva, c. Talati, b. Young-Saye 0
Cassambhoy, (Jun.), c. Choo, b. Yau 0
M. Sadik, not out 0
Extras 18

Total.....98

Fall of wickets, 1-1, 2-16, 3-25, 4-35, 5-95, 6-74, 7-56, 8-58, 9-98, 10-98.

Bowling Analysis.

M. A. Khan 5 1 10 0
J. L. Young-Saye 3 0 8 2
T. O. Yau 12 5 2 48 8
E. K. Ong 4 1 14 0

C.S.C.C. v. VARSITY.

The following will represent Civil Service on C.S.C.C. ground at 2.15 p.m., on Saturday: G. R. Sayer (Captain), E. B. Reed, E. W. Hamilton, A. E. Wood, H. E. Strange, F. J. Lang, E. C. Fincher, F. J. de Rome, E. E. Dunkley, W. H. Edmonds and R. C. Wicheil.

K.C.C. v. INDIANS.

On Saturday, at Sookumpoo at 2.15 p.m. The following have been selected to play for Kowloon: J. P. Robinson, J. Stalker, B. D. Evans, C. L. Stapleton, C. L. Biaga, K. R. Macaskill, Capt. E. G. Spinks, F. G. Thompson, D. M. Goodall, C. Dance and Lt. A. G. Macdonald.

Captain GOWER v. CHINESE.
The following will represent the C.C.C. in their league match against

the G.R.C. on the latter's ground on Saturday, at 2 p.m.: B. W. Bradburg (Capt.), J. Bryant, U. Omar, S. Jex, D. Wilson, M. Marsh, Y. Abbas, A. A. Paice, A. Anderson, R. Bass and A. Fattyddad.

I.R.C. 2ND XI v. K.C.C. 2ND XI.
The following will represent the I.R.C. 2nd XI in their league match against the K.C.C. 2nd XI on the latter ground on Saturday at 2.15 p.m.—E. Ali Moosdeen, E. Moosdeen, S. Abbas, O. A. Rumjahn, H. D. Rumjahn, A. H. Madar, N. B. Kitchell, R. Nazarin, Y. A. Wahab, A. K. Minnu, and M. Sadik. Reserves:—I. Hassan, and A. R. M. Samy.

I. R. C. v. K. C. C.

The following will represent the I.R.C. in their league match against the K.C.C. at home to-morrow at 2.15 p.m.—A. Ali Arundel, M. H. Abbas, A. H. Rumjahn, S. H. Ismail, S. D. Ismail, S. A. Ismail, J. S. Curreen, D. Rumjahn, S. A. R. Ismail, O. Ismail, and F. M. Arculli.

H.K.C.C. v. NAVY.

This match takes place on the Club ground to-morrow, commencing at 12.15. The band of H.M.S. "Hawkins" will be in attendance. The following will represent the Navy—Lieut. Beatty, Rev. Crole-Rees, Lieut. Franks, Lieut. Com. Greig, Midshipman Hayter, Lieut. Com. Jotham, Midshipman Sheffield, Surg. Lieut. Com. Stephen, Sub. Lieut. Stephenson, Lieut. Stewart, and Commander Wood.

K.C.C. 2ND v. I.R.C. 2ND.

On Saturday, at Kowloon at 2.15 p.m. sharp. The following have been selected to play for Kowloon: A. O. Brown, H. Overy, E. J. Edwards, L. E. S. Hodge, L. J. Blackburn, E. F. Spinks, E. E. Lawrence, F. Evelyn, W. B. Haslett, E. W. Alderson and A. Leach.

FOOTBALL.

KOWLOON TEAMS.

Kowloon 1st XI v. "Ambrose," on Navy Ground at 4 p.m.: Crocker, Morrison, Owick, Coupland, Weyman (Captain), McKelvie, Roberts, Doggerell, Townsend, A. Duncan and Combs. Reserve: Millard.

CLUB v. PUNJABIS.

The following will represent the Club Reserves in their match against the Punjabis on Saturday, at 2.30 p.m. Punjabis ground, Kowloon.—R. Hutchison, J. Israel, W. Pritchard, S. Sorensen, J. MacDonald, R. Duncan, V. Hast, G. Angus, W. Hyde, D. Bolmer, P. Beeceley.

CLUB v. "TITANIA."

The following will represent the Hongkong Football Club in a league match against the "Titania" on Saturday, on the Club ground. Kick-off at 4 p.m.:—G. Kodger, J. Bodger (capt), J. McCubbin, J. W. R. MacPhail, J. Stewart, and A. Mair; D. H. Banner, A. Forsyth, S. D. Begg, W. Kuhr, and E. G. England.

CITY HALL CONCERT.

MADAME LOTTIE GORDON'S
SPLENDID EFFORT.

As fully anticipated, Madame Lottie Gordon's concert in the City Hall yesterday afternoon was the shining success, the deserving nature of its objects made only fitting, and the splendid enthusiasm of the artists rendered certain. If a natural consequence, the cordial appreciation of the audience was none the less gratifying to the promoter of the concert and the willing artists who assisted her so ably. Yet another token of success was the size of the audience itself. Not one seat in the larger hall was vacant; indeed extra chairs had to be procured and even then not everyone present was seated. But to secure a crowded house is one thing, to entertain it successfully another. How well Madame Lottie Gordon and her assistants succeeded was apparent from the length and warmth of the applause. Scarcely once would the audience remain content with one encore. No, it must have two, and in some outstanding instances three, contributions before it would reluctantly allow the artist to leave the platform. From all this it will be clear that considerable benefit should flow to the Xmas gift fund for the Blind Home, the Pokfulam Home, and the Home for the Aged (Kowloon), to assist which was the primary object of the concert. Lady Stubbs gave the entertainment her patronage, and among other notable residents present was the Bishop of Victoria.

For the concert to achieve success so notable, it follows that the programme must have offered items of more than ordinary merit. In addition to her numerous duties as accompanist, Madame Lottie Gordon submitted several fine piano-forte pieces, including two interesting compositions of her own—"Romance Pour l'Amour" and "Minuet in B. Flat"—both of which were loudly applauded. Singing with confidence and feeling, Mrs. E. O. Drake earned warm appreciation by her rendering of "Il Bacio," "Tosti's" "Goodbye," and Sullivan's "Poor Wandering One." The "Flower Song" from "Faust" gave Mrs. A. O. Brown a fine medium for her pleasing voice and earned an insistent encore. Miss Nellie Williams made a very favourable impression with her interpretation of C. Arundel's "Prayers" for which she also was recalled. Mrs. W. W. Pearce's contributions to the afternoon's enjoyment included appreciative renderings of "Beloved" from "Mignon," "Romance" from "Le Pays," and several equally delightful encore numbers. Awaited with pleasurable anticipation, Miss Dorothy Stobart's appearance was loudly acclaimed. The singer, who was in excellent voice, gave with ease and charm an Air from "Louise" and "Deux le Gour" and Elgar's "Pleading." These and her encore numbers were among the most enjoyable items of the afternoon.

Mrs. D. Cameron, who was recalled for her pleasing rendering of "Down Vauxhall Way," joined Mr. W. R. Crow in the beautiful duet "Home to Our Mountains" from Verdi's "Il Trovatore." Another gem from Verdi and an English song gave Mr. Crow an opportunity to display his individual vocal prowess and win additional favour. Mr. Gibson's contribution was Sanderson's "Tired Hands" which earned him cordial applause. Welcome variety was lent to the entertainment by two exquisite violin solos—Drdla's famous "Souvenir" and "Le Cygne"—played with quiet and confident skill by Mr. Edward Bueschaert.

Madame Lottie Gordon, who was presented with several beautiful bouquets, thanked the audience for their attendance and their kind sympathy with her efforts on behalf of a deserving charity.

Among those who assisted by selling programmes and chocolates were the Misses Honor and Rosamund.

VOLLEY-BALL.

SCHOOLS' LEAGUE RESULTS.

The local Schools' Volley-ball League was closed yesterday afternoon when an exhibition match between St. Paul's College, winners of the Senior Championship, and Queen's College, the Junior champions, was played on the playground of the Chinese Y.M.C.A. in Bridges Street. The game was an interesting one, and although much the smaller boys, the Queen's College players put up a creditable fight against the seniors. They showed mastery of the finer points of the game, but their volleying lacked strength. They were outplayed, but not disgraced.

There was a large gathering of spectators, mostly schoolboys, and there was much cheering as each side scored a point. Keen, sporting rivalry prevailed throughout and the game was enjoyed by all.

At the close of the game, Mr. E. D. C. Wolfe, c.s.p., distributed the trophies won during the season. Mr. E. G. Stewart, in introducing Mr. Wolfe, said it was very unfortunate that so many of the teams in the Senior Division had dropped out during the season, (the twelfth), leaving the two old rivals to compete—St. Paul's College, the winners, and Queen's the runners-up. In the Junior Division, Queen's College's team was to be congratulated on their sustaining ability which won for them the first place, St. Paul's College being the runners-up. The trophy for the Small Boys' Division was won this year by the Ellis Kadoorie School which had won it in all the previous seasons with the exception of one when the winners were Queen's College. Mr. Stewart said that the Open Volley-ball League would shortly have a Police team and interesting competition was anticipated. Hitherto most of the players who competed in the Open League were schoolboys who also participated in the School League competition. Mr. Stewart expressed his thanks to Mr. Ko Sik-wai, the Secretary, for the efficient manner in which he had run the three divisions.

Mr. Wolfe said he would like to express his gratitude to the Y.M.C.A. for assisting them in coaching the Police in volley ball on the compound of the Central Police Station. He could not say that the Police (the Europeans, the Chinese or the Indians) could in any way emulate what he had seen that afternoon and a few days ago when, just passing the Y.M.C.A. on a cursory patrol, he found himself neglecting his duty in order to watch a very interesting game of volley-ball that was going on. He was afraid the excellence reached by the leading teams in the Colony was too high a standard for the Police team, who, he believed, would not be in fine fettle before several years.

Cheers were called for Mr. Wolfe and Mr. Stewart and were lustily given.

A table of the positions of the teams in the various divisions of the league follows:—

Senior.—(Silver Shield).
St. Paul's College.
Queen's College (runners up).

Junior.—(Silver Cup):
(1) Queen's College.
(2) St. Paul's College.
(3) Ellis Kadoorie School.
(4) Ying Wah College.
(5) Saiyungpun School.
(6) Diocesan School.
(7) Wanchai School.

Small Boys.—(Silver Cup).
(1) Ellis Kadoorie School.
(2) Queen's College.
(3) St. Paul's College.
(4) Ying Wah College.
(5) Saiyungpun School.

blind Hancock, Mary Saunders, Iris Pfortin and Gillian Pearce under the supervision of Mrs. Bailton.

Madame Lottie Gordon deserves every credit for the ability with which she has organised the concert. Warmest thanks are also due to the artists whose generous co-operation made possible the splendid success achieved.

COMPANY REPORT.

CHINESE ENGINEERING AND MINING CO., LTD.

The annual general meeting of the shareholders of the Chinese Engineering and Mining Co., Ltd., was held in London on December 12, 1921, when the Directors' report and statement of accounts for the year ended June 30, 1921, were submitted.

EXTRACT FROM DIRECTORS' REPORT.
The net result of the year's transactions shows a balance to the credit of profit and loss account of £213,463, made up as follows:—

Proportion of Kailan Mining Administration's Profits .. £264,724
Interest in Europe 72,221
Agency fees 4,000
Sundry receipts 524
Balance brought forward (after deducting £400,000 payments in full on 400,000 shares allotted as fully paid and £4,110 Sundrys) 37,785

Total £679,254

DEDUCT.

Expenses in Europe £ 16,073
Directors' fees 4,200
Exchange 16,260
Income-tax 112,316
Loss on sales of Government stocks 11,942
Donation Ramine Relief Funds 5,000
165,791

Leaving a net balance of .. £513,463

which, the Directors recommended, should be appropriated as follows:

Interim dividend 10 per cent. (free of income-tax) paid on May 23, 1921, absorbed £ 140,000
Final dividend 12 per cent. (free of income-tax) making 22 per cent. for the year 168,000

Expenses in connection with increase of capital 25,686
Reserve for excess profits duty 122,304
Corporation profits tax, estimated at Directors' percentage 9,133
Balance carried forward 21,740

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"THE SILVER KING."

FAMOUS MELODRAMA AT THE CORONET.

Taking one of the most famous melodramas ever written for the English stage and presenting it on a scale far transcending its original setting, Paramount has achieved fine success with Henry Arthur Jones' "The Silver King," which comes to the Coronet Theatre this evening. The story is unusually forceful. Wilfred Denver, open-hearted and unsuspecting, makes a bitter enemy of Godfrey Ware when he marries the woman Ware had hoped to win for himself. Denver is induced to put all his money on the wrong horse, and is later led to believe that he killed his unsuccessful rival while under the influence of liquor following his ruin. He escapes to America leaving his wife and children penniless. After a hard struggle he becomes a wealthy miner known in the West as the "Silver King." The moment he strikes, it rich he sends money home to his wife but it is diverted by the man who really killed Ware. How Denver returns under an assumed name and eventually succeeds in bringing Ware's murderer to justice is a story that has withstood the test of time and held generations of playgoers spellbound.

William Faversham, the well known American stage actor, easily proves his right to head the cast as William Denver while the other roles are all capably sustained. A wonderful play and a fine film.

blind Hancock, Mary Saunders, Iris Pfortin and Gillian Pearce under the supervision of Mrs. Bailton.

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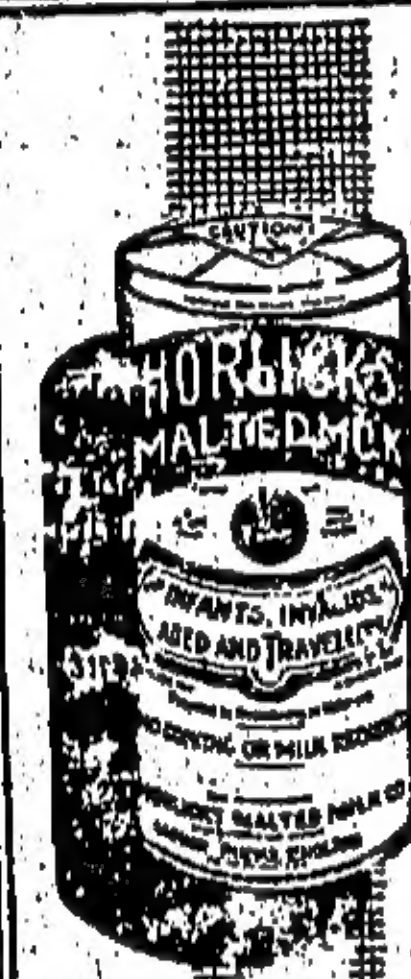
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An Indian named Sarumdas was charged before Magistrate Lindsell this morning with having failed to register himself within a week of his arrival in the Colony.

The defendant pleaded ignorance of the regulation.

Mr. Burlingham, A.S.P., said that the defendant was an assistant of Messrs K. A. J. Chotirmall and Company of Wyndham Street. He spoke English well and was an educated man, and should know the law. Even if he did not, Chotirmall and Company should or used to know that new arrivals must be registered within a week.

A fine of \$25 was imposed.

A CLEAR CASE.

SMUGGLING IN REVOLVER.

A Chinese from Vancouver was charged before Magistrate Lindsell this morning with the unlawful possession of one revolver and 48 rounds of ammunition.

Defendant who said that he had arrived by a Blue Funnel boat, said that he was ignorant of local regulations.

The police said that half of the ammunition was concealed in a clock and the other half was sandwiched between two felt hats. The revolver, in parts, was tied to the back of the defendant's trousers.

Remarking that it was a clear case of deliberate smuggling, and it seemed to him that the defendant knew that it was an offence to carry arms, the Magistrate imposed a fine of \$150. The contraband was confiscated.

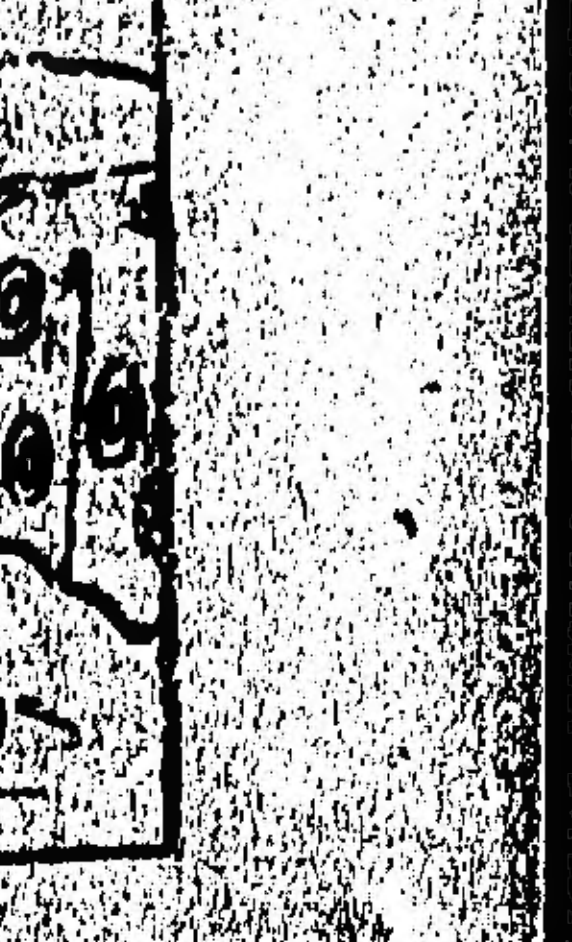
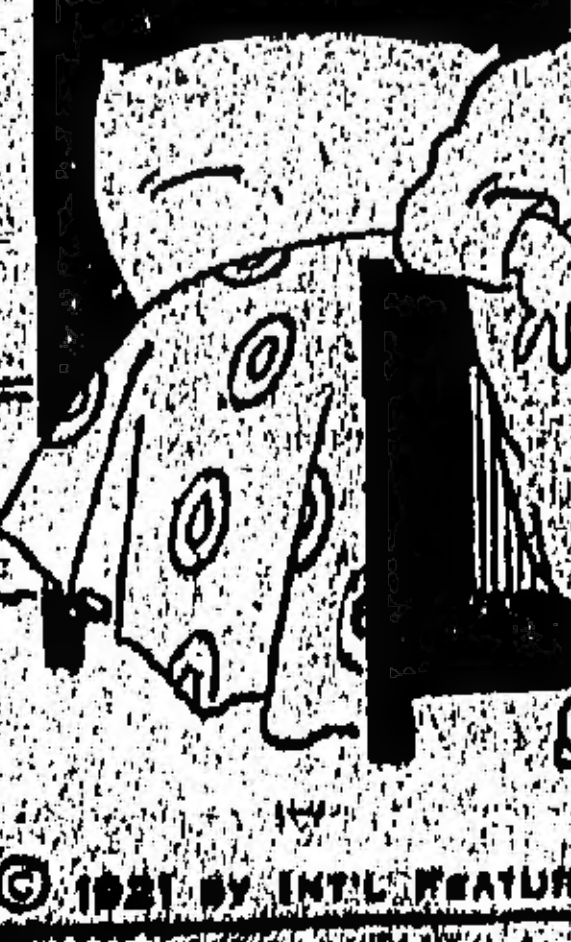
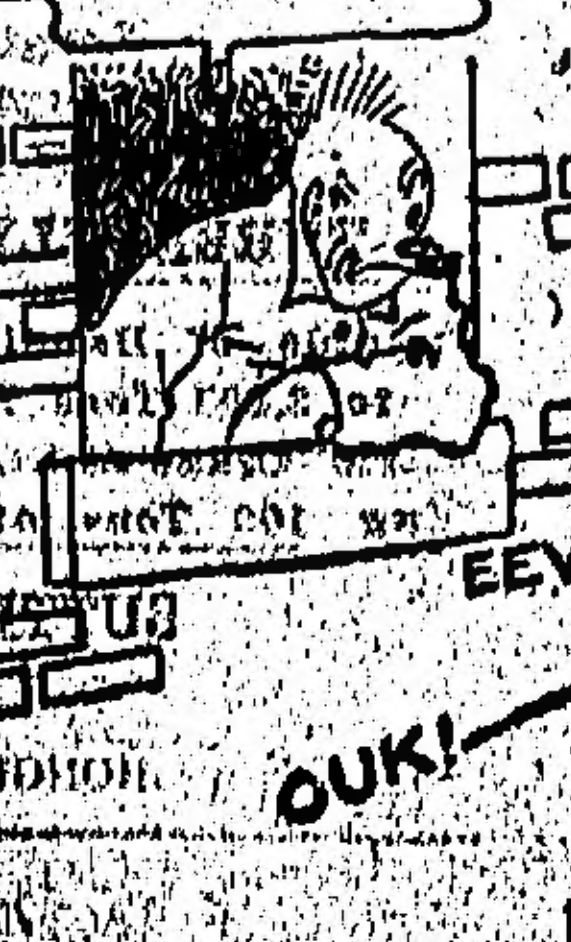
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The final game in connection with the Garrison Billiards Tournament was played off at the Soldiers Club last evening. The finalists were Corporal Snook (Wilts.) and Gunner Bayley (R.G.A.). As the Wilts. have already put the trophy beyond the reach of their opponents with a lead of 232 points, last night's game had no bearing on the ultimate destination of the cup, but nevertheless, great interest was centered in the game, and the Club was packed with servicemen. Gunner Bayley won by 200 to 148. Both men played excellent billiards, and the game was full of interest throughout. Among those present were H. E. Lieut. General Sir G. M. Kirkpatrick, K.B.C., K.C.S.I., Major Culver (Wilts.), president of the Club, Lieut. Moore, M.M., secretary, G. S. M. Westlake, D.O.M., and Mr. A.M. Thornhill, manager. At the conclusion of the game the General distributed the trophies as under—
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 In handing the cup to C.Q.M.S. Barchard, the G.O.C. congratulated the Wilts on winning the cup and hoped that the Regiment would greatly prize the trophy, which showed the spirit of feeling existing between the donors of the cup and regular soldiers serving in the same garrison.
 Each man in the winners and runners-up teams was presented with a silver cup. Major Culver thanked the G.O.C. for attending and presenting the trophies. Three cheers for the G.O.C. were lustily given on the call of G.S.M. Westlake. The cup for the highest break in the Soldiers Club Competition was presented by Messrs. Bradley and Co.

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